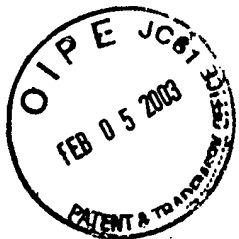


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 13 and 14 as set forth in the attached "MARKED UP PREVIOUS VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS". Also attached is a "CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS".

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 13-16 are pending herein. Claims 1 and 8-12 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. By this Amendment, claims 2, 13 and 14 have been amended to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112.

In the Office Action, claims 2-7 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs; claims 2-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being

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